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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: OUR APPROACHES TO GOM AND CONSULTATIONS WITH KOREANS HERE INDICATE GOM CONTINUING TO WITHHOLD JUDGMENT ON KOREAN QUESTION. GOM PREOCCUPIED WITH SAHARA QUESTION AND PROBABLY EXPECTS THAT ITS VOTE ON KOREA MAY BE OF VALUE IN OBTAINING SUPPORT ON SAHARA. RECOMMEND FOLLOWUP APPROACH WITH FONMIN LARAKI IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY

2. I CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON CHIEF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION BELKORA OCTOBER 2. TOLD BELKORA THAT US CONSIDERS KOREAN ISSUE IN PRESENT UNGA SESSION TO BE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL AND ONE HAVING TOP PRIORITY CONCERN. SPOKE OF INTENSITY OF CURRENT US VIEWS OVER THIS ISSUE.

3. BELKORA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHING TO THIS ISSUE AND PROMISED TO CONVEY OUR ARGUMENTS AND SENSE OF PRIORITIES TO FONMIN LARAKI, WHO HAD FLOWN HERE FOR
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BRIEF SAHARA CONSULTATIONS, RETURNING TO NEW YORK OCTOBER 3.

BELKORA SUGGESTED THAT USUN FOLLOW UP WITH LARAKI SINCE HIS DECISION WOULD BE KEY. SUBJECT OF SAHARA DID NOT ARISE IN THIS CONVERSATION.

4. BELKORA WAS ALSO GIVEN EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING POINTS DRAWN FROM REFTELS (A) AND (B).

5. KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHOI AND I HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO GET TOGETHER FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS AND WE FINALLY MET ON OCTOBER 6. I DESCRIBED US EFFORTS TO DATE AND INFORMED CHOI OF OUR POSTURE ON PROPOSED FRENCH REVISION (REF C).

6. CHOI TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE APPROACHED GOM OFFICIALS A TOTAL OF 24 TIMES IN FIVE MONTHS. HE SAID THAT HE FELT OUR SIDE HAD DONE ALL IT COULD AND SHOULD IN RABAT AT THIS POINT. CHOI OPINED THAT KEY MAN IS FONMIN LARAKI, WITH WHOM CHOI FELT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND/OR THE SECRETARY COULD USEFULLY FOLLOW UP IN NEW YORK. LARAKI IS SINGLEMINDEDLY PREOCCUPIED BY SAHARA, CHOI REMARKED. RE FRENCH EFFORT, HE SAID HE THOUGHT FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE WOULD PROBABLY WORK ALONE WITH GOM. CHOI SAID HE WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE FOR PRESENT UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY ROK.

7. KOREAN AMB VENTURED THAT US MIGHT BE ABLE TO WIELD SOME INFLUENCE IF IT COULD "DO SOMETHING" ON SAHARA. I ASKED IF GOM HAD RAISED THIS QUESTION. HE SAID NO, BUT THAT IF WE COULD "BE HELPFUL" ON SAHARA IT MIGHT INCREASE OUR LEVERAGE WITH GOM ON KOREA QUESTION. I STRESSED THERE NO QUESTION OF OUR AGREEING TO ANY "DEAL". (COMMENT: ANOTHER MEMBER OF KOREAN EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF ON OCTOBER 2 THAT GOM FONOFF OFFICIALS HAD HINTED THAT US ATTITUDE ON SAHARA MIGHT INFLUENCE MOROCCAN ATTITUDE ON KOREAN ITEM.)

8. SPEAKING PERSONALLLY, CHOI VOICED SOME PESSIMISM RE LIKELIHOOD GOM WOULD VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HE PREDICTED GOM WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS UNLESS IT WAS SUBJECT TO HEAVY PRESSURES.

9. COMMENT: LARAKI PROMISED TO KEEP OPEN MIND ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION DURING AUGUST 22 DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR. KEYING CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROACH TO THIS PROMISE, I RECOMMEND A FOLLOWUP WITH LARAKI IN NEW YORK (OR WASHINGTON) ON APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

10. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE YET TO HEAR DIRECTLY GOM ON PSSIBLE SAHARA-KOREA LINKAGE, LARAKI COULD WELL INTRODUCE THIS FACTOR WITH US IN SOME MANNER AS UNGA DELIBERATION ON A SAHARA RESOLUTION APPROACHES.
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